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For: <b>SYSTEMS AND METHODS FOR</b>	)	Confirmation No.: 4325
<b>PROVIDING A MULTI-PATH</b>	)	
<b>NETWORK SWITCH SYSTEM</b>	)	

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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), Applicant brings to the attention of the Examiner the documents on the attached listing. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits for the above-referenced application.

The listed documents were cited in the Office Action dated August 4, 2006 in Application Serial No. 10/787,217, which was filed on February 27, 2004. A copy of the listed non-patent literature material is enclosed. Copies of the United States Patents and Patent Application Publications are not enclosed.

Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the listed documents and indicate that they were considered by making appropriate notations on the attached form.

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